

Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET welcomes new users: Hasbro Nephrology Clinic, Graham Newstead MD, Seok Lee MD, Physicians of R.I. Med. Enterprise, and Cherry Blossom School.

Postage Paid Envelopes: KIDSNET provides postage paid envelopes to all primary care providers to send immunization data to our office. Please do not use these envelopes for any other purpose. Thank You.

Important KIDSNET HL-7 notice for Electronic Medical Record Users (EMR)

KIDSNET is ready to accept test HL7 files from Providers. If your Practice plans on submitting immunization data electronically from an EMR, it is time to work with your EMR vendor or Provider Organization to test transmissions. The process for testing is described in the Rhode Island HL7 Implementation Guide for Immunization Transactions on HEALTH's website: <http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet/dataexchange.php>.

An updated Rhode Island HL7 Implementation Guide for Immunization Transactions will be posted on HEALTH's website in the near future. **If you are ready to begin testing prior to the new issue of the new Guide, please contact us to receive information on changes to the MSH and RXA segments. Please note that a Sender Id is assigned as part of the testing process. Please share this information with who ever will be assisting you in sending data to KIDSNET.**

If you have any questions please contact Kim Salisbury-Keith at kim.salisburykeith@health.ri.gov or 401.222.5925. We look forward to receiving test HL7 messages from you.

If you are not currently submitting immunization data and your EMR vendor is not working with KIDSNET, you need to contact Sue Duggan-Ball at 222.1580 to arrange alternative immunization data submission.

Immunization and Vaccine Updates

Flu vaccine - The Department of Health has made the policy decision that the state-wide start date for flu shots is **October 17, 2007**. To insure that your practice receives the first shipment of flu vaccine by that date, place your first flu vaccine order by **September 20th**. Please refer to the recent mailing from the Immunization Program for more details about ordering flu vaccine.

Reminder - Please remember to fax a signed copy of every packing slip whenever you get a vaccine delivery to 222.3805. We use this for confirmation of delivery.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Adjusting par stock – As your practice's patient population changes, par stock (60 days worth) of each childhood vaccine can be adjusted to better meet the practice needs.

Immunize For Life - enrollment deadline has been extended. This is the new adult flu program that provides vaccine free of charge for patients ages 19 and older who live or work in RI and have some type of health insurance. To enroll in the program, go to the department's home page at www.health.ri.gov and click in the Immunize for Life box on the right side of the page. The access code on the enrollment page is 2007adultflu. For questions about the adult flu program, contact Virginia Paine at 222-7681 or Annemarie Beardsworth at 222-5658.

VBYG – Students who attend a participating VBYG high school will have their immunization data entered into KIDSNET. For information about VBYG, contact Kathy Marceau at 222.4624 or kathy.marceau@health.ri.gov.

Adult Flu & Reimbursement – The Immunization Program sponsored an insurance and reimbursement forum on August 29th. Representatives from Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Medicare, Neighborhood Health and United Healthcare all presented on the details of reimbursement for administration of adult flu vaccine. A transcription of the information presented will be available on the *Immunze For Life* section of the website by September 14th.

Website update – The Immunization Program is in the process of updating our website. Look for new information on adolescent and adult immunization, as well as expanded information on childhood immunization.

Special Events

Rock The City - September 22, 12 p.m. -3 p.m. at Jenks Park, on Broad Street in Central Falls. Pneumonia and Tdap vaccinations will be provided at no charge for adults. Participants can also enjoy a free cookout, groceries, clothing, games and social services. For information, contact Heidi Wallace at 222-2067 or heidi.wallace@health.ri.gov.

Immunization Report

In August 2007, the following 5 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, Spectrum Family Healthcare, Dr. DeAngelis, Dr Salm – Aquidneck Newport, and Northwest Health Center.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In August 2007, the following 18 pediatric practices used this report: **Dr. Alfred Arcand, Associates in Primary Care, Barrington Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Treatment Center, Dr. Douglas Foreman, Dr. Seok Lee, Mill River Pediatrics, East Bay Community Action Program, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Providence Pediatrics, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Spectrum Health Care, Tri Town Health Center, Westerly Pediatrics, and Wakefield Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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